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Lt. Governor Peter Kinder and Missouri Delegation Return as 2005 White House Conference on Aging Closes

Top 10 Resolutions Announced at Conference

WASHINGTON, DC - The 2005 White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA) officially closed yesterday, with delegates previewing the recommendations they will send to the President and Congress, to help guide national aging policies for the next ten years and beyond.

Lt. Governor Peter Kinder in his role as Missouri's senior Advocate, lead the 19 member Missouri Delegation and were among 1200 delegates who ratified the 50 policy resolutions and developed implementation strategies, to be presented to President Bush and Congress before June 2006.

"As America's senior population grows, and as Baby Boomer's reach retirement age, issues of healthcare, financial security and personal independence confront us all," said Lt. Gov. Kinder. He added, "I am confident that the ideas shared at the Conference will sharpen our focus on the concerns of our seniors."

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The top 10 resolutions as voted by the conference are:

1. Reauthorize the Older Americans Act Within the First Six Months Following the 2005 White House Conference on Aging
2. Develop a Coordinated, Comprehensive Long-Term Care Strategy by Supporting Public and Private Sector Initiatives that Address Financing, Choice, Quality, Service Delivery, and the Paid and Unpaid Workforce
3. Ensure that Older Americans Have Transportation Options to Retain Their Mobility and Independence
4. Strengthen and Improve the Medicaid Program for Seniors
5. Strengthen and Improve the Medicare Program
6. Support Geriatric Education and Training for All Healthcare Professionals, Paraprofessionals, Health Profession Students, and Direct Care Workers
7. Promote Innovative Models of Non-Institutional Long-Term Care
8. Improve Recognition, Assessment, and Treatment of Mental Illness and Depression Among Older Americans
9. Assure Adequate Numbers of Healthcare Personnel in All Professions Who are Skilled, Culturally Competent, and Specialize in Geriatrics
10. Improve State and Local-Based Integrated Delivery Systems to Meet 21st Century Needs of Seniors

White House Conferences on Aging (WHCoA) are decennial events designed to develop recommendations for research and action in the field of aging. In the last century, approximately 35 conferences carrying the name of the White House have been held.

Only the White House Conference on Aging has been held more than twice. Each of the past White House Conferences on Aging has had an impact on aging policies in this country. The 2005 White House Conference on Aging occurs as the first wave of the baby boom generation prepares for retirement.

For a full listing of the 50 resolutions, visit www.whcoa.gov.

(Missouri Delegate Listing follows on next page)

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